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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



September 30, 2002

Mr. Odie Washington Director Department of Corrections 1923 Vermont Avenue, Northwest Room N207 Washington, DC 20001

Enclosed is our final *Report of Inspection of the Department of Corrections*. Your agency's comments on the 32 findings and 55 recommendations by the inspection team are included in the report.

You requested that some findings and recommendations be removed from the report because problems we cited either have been corrected since our inspection took place, or there are ongoing initiatives that will correct them. It is our practice to report not only what we found in an agency during the period of our inspection, but to also report all agency responses to those findings in their entirety. This practice provides both agency managers and District stakeholders with a complete picture of the operations that were evaluated, and in your case, shows clearly the efforts being made to create a more efficient and well-run corrections system.

In accordance with Mayor's Order 2000-105, District agencies are responsible for taking action on all agreed-upon recommendations in this final Report of Inspection. The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has established a process to track agency compliance and to facilitate our follow-up inspection activities. Enclosed are *Compliance Forms* on which to record and report to this Office any actions you have taken concerning each outstanding recommendation. We request that you and your administrators establish response dates on the forms and advise us of those dates so we can enter them on our copies of the *Compliance Forms*. We know that in some instances, things beyond your control, such as budget decisions, impact on trying to set specific deadlines. In those instances, we request that you assign *target dates* based on whatever knowledge and experience you have about a particular issue. Please ensure that the *Compliance Forms* are returned to the OIG by the response date, and that reports of "Agency Action"

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Taken" reflect actual completion, in whole or in part, of a recommended action rather than "planned" action. We will work closely with your designated focal point throughout the compliance process.

We appreciate the cooperation shown by you and your employees during the inspection and we hope to continue in a cooperative relationship during the upcoming follow-up period.

If you have questions or require assistance in the course of complying with our recommendations, please contact me or Alvin Wright, Jr. Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations at 202-727-9249.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Maddox, Esq

Inspector General

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ACRONYMS

AIDS Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

BOCA Building Officials and Code Administrators International,

Inc.

BD Budget Director

CDF Central Detention Facility

CFO Chief Financial Officer

CIP Capital Improvement Program

CU Culinary Unit

D.C. OSH District of Columbia Occupational Safety and Health

DOC Department of Corrections

DOH Department of Health

FOP Fraternal Order of Police

HAZCOM Hazardous Communication Plan

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Unit

IAQ Indoor Air Quality

JACCS Jail and Community Corrections System

MAR Management Alert Report

MSDS Material Safety Data Sheets

ACRONYMS

NIOSH National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

RIF Reduction-In-Force